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SUBJ: HANDLING TRADE INQUIRIES

REF: A-L047; STATE 041595

1. BETWEEN MARCH 4 AND AUGUST 31, 1974, THE EMBASSY RECEIVED 149 TRADE INQUIRIES FROM FIRMS LOCATED IN THE U.S. OF THESE, 28 WERE ANSWERED BY US AND 121 WERE REFERRED TO COMMERCE FOR REPLY. WE SENT REPLIES IN THOSE CASES WHERE IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED WAS AVAILABLE ONLY FROM THE EMBASSY OR WHERE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE WAS NECESSARY. DURING THAT PERIOD THE EMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE ANY CRITICISM FROM THE FIRMS INVOLVED. NO CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE WAS INVOLVED.

2. IN OUR VIEW, THE DECISION WHETHER TO REFER AN INQUIRY TO COMMERCE SHOULD BE MADE BY THE POST ON THE BASIS OF ITS EVALUATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES. IF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IS READILY AVAILABLE HERE, OR IF A DELAY IN REPLY WOULD CAUSE UNNECESSARY INCONVENIENCE TO THE INQUIRER, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD REPLY DIRECTLY WITH A STATEMENT THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE STANDS READY TO ASSIST THE FIRM WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. CERTAIN-

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LY IN THE CASE OF CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE WE

WOULD WISH TO REPLY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH ALL
PERTINENT INFORMATION AT OUR DISPOSAL.

3. WITH REGARD TO MOST CIRCULAR LETTERS AND BUSINESS
CORRESPONDENCE PERIPHERAL TO OUR TRADE PROMOTION EFFORTS,
WE WILL CONTINUE TO FORWARD THESE TO COMMERCE.
HILLENBRAND

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